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REF: A) ABIDJAN A-61, 17/7/75; B) RSO MEMORANDUM, 12 NOV 75 C) STATE 4638

SUMMARY: EMBASSY AGREED WITH RSO AND RSS DURING THEIR VISIT JAN 30-FEB. 1 ON PLANS FOR IMPROVING SECURITY REQUIRING SUPPORT FROM ADDRESSEES AS INDICATED.

1. FIRST PRIORITY PROJECTS FOR WHICH "TERRORISM" FUNDING IS REQUESTED ARE:

A. USIS GOV'T-OWNED BUILDING (RSO REC. NOS. 1,2-6, REF B), UPSTAIRS SECURE DOOR, GRILLS ON ALL WINDOWS AND AIR CONDITIONERS EXCEPT FOR FRONT GROUND-LEVEL SHOW WINDOWS, FOR WHICH EXISTING ROOL-DOWN GRILL TO BE REPAIRED, EST.

B. GOV'T-OWNED CHANCERY: 2 ND FLOOR LOBBY GRILLS, BOTH OUTSIDE FRONT WINDOWS AND AT REAR, AND GROUND FLOOR RAIL, RSO REC. NOS. 7 AND 9, REF A, EST. COST \$12,500.

C. CONSULAR/GENERAL SERVICES LEASED BUILDING, GRITLS ON WAREHOUSE AND CONSULAR /GSO OFFICES WINDOWS, RECOMMENDED BY RSO, EST. COST \$2500.

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2. RSO IS PREPARING SPECIFICATIONS FOR EMBASSY TO

GIVE TO SFEDTP (REGIE), CONTRACTOR WHO BUILD CHANCERY AND IS JUDGED ONLY CONTRACTOR CAPABLE OF HANDLING JOB WITHOUT EXTENSIVE AMERICAN SUPERVISION (WHICH IS UNAVAILABLE). RSO WILL ALSO SEND SEABEE TO INSPECT WORK IN PROGRESS AND UPON COMPLETION TO ENSURE IT MEETS SY STANDARDS. REQUEST IMMEDIATE DEPT.AGREEMENT TO FUND ABOVE. REGIE RELUCTANT TO PREPARE DETAILED BIDS WITHOUT ASSURANCE THAT USG PREPARED TO CONTRACT WORK, BECAUSE THEY HAVE ALREADY PREPARED SEVERAL BIDS RECENTLY WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN ACCEPTED. BID COSTS WILL BE REPORTED SOONEST AFTER RECEIPT DEPT. AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE.

3. FIRST PRIORITY PROJECTS FOR WHICH OTHER ASSISTANCE NEEDED:

A. REQUEST DEPT. FUND, PRCURE AND SHIP 400 SQ. FT. OF CLEAR MYLAR FOR USIS WINDOWS, RSO REC. NO7 REF B; B. REQUEST FUND, PRCURE AND SHIIP 800 SQ.FT. OF ONE-WAY MYLAR FOR WINDOWS AT CONS/GSO BLDG,AS RECOMMENDED BY RSO:

C. REQUEST DEPT. EXPEDITE FORWARDING OF LITERATURE ON EMERGENCY GENERATOR CONTROLS, REQUESTED BY NIAMEY 77 AND 291, REC NO. 17 REF A. RSO WILL SEND SEABEE I NECESSARY TO INSTALL AND REPAIR CONSTROLS WHEN LITERATURE RECLIVED;

D. REQUEST FUND, PROCURE AND SHIP DISINTEGRATOR RECOMMENDED FOR C&R BY RSO, BECAUSE OF GREAT INCREASE IN TELEGRAPHIC TRAFFIC IN NIAMEY RELAY STATION.QWV SEPTEL WITH DETAILS FOLLOWS. RSO WILL SEND SEABEE TO INSTALL:

E. REQUEST DEPT. INSTRUCT FBO ENGINEER COMING FOR PLUMBING WORK PER STATE 17;0 TO PREPARE SPECIFICATIONS AND DRAWING FOR ROOF HATCH, REC. NO 18, REF A, AND FUND CONTRACT WITH REGIE FOR WORK;

F. RSO WILL SUPPLY SIMPLEX LOCKS FOR CHANCERY REAR DOORS AND GRILLS, REC. NOS. 5 AND 9, REF A AND SEND OFFICER TO INSTALL AS NECESSARY.

 $4.\ EMBASSY,$ IN ADDITION TO NEGOTIATING CONTRACTS AND INSTALLING MYLAR, WILLCOMPLETE INSTALLATION OF ALARMS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AT CHANCERY AND USIS.

5. SECOND PRIORITY PROJECTS, TO BE CARRIED OUT BY EMBASSY GSO WHEN WORKLOAD PERMITS, IN VIEW OF VERY HIGH CONCTRACT COSTS (PROBABLY NOT BEFORE FY-77):

A. CONSTRUCTION OF HIGHER WALLS AND GATE AT REAR OF USIS:

B. CONSTRUCTION OF CHANCERY GUARD BOOTH;

C. MOVE OF SNAKC BAR FOR CHANCER PROPER TO SERVICE BUILDING.

6. SPETEL REGARDING ASSIGNMENT OF MARINES FOLLOWS.

7. EMBASSY APPRECIATES RECOGNITION BY DEPT. AND RSO THAT, BECAUSE OF EXTREMELY LIMITED RESOURCES ON BOTH LOCAL MARKET AND EMBASSY--PARTICULARLY GSO WHICH BARELY KEEPS UP WITH MINIMUM DAILY NEEDS-MORE THAN NORMAL ASSISTANCE IN CARRYING OUT RSO RECOMMENDATIONS IS VITAL HERE. HECK

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